USSOCOM-USMC Interoperability

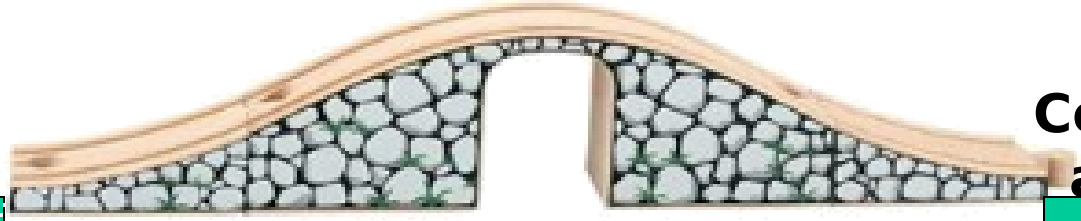
Purpose

- **To provide information regarding:**

  Marine Corps and US Special Operations Command interoperability

Where does the Corps fit today?

The "Bridge " between SOF and CONVENTIONAL



TSOCs

Convention al Forces

MEU(SOC) | MEB | MEF

INTEROPERABILITY

What we are doing to improve interoperability

USSOCOM-USMC Board

- **Board has facilitated over 30 initiatives**
- **Working Groups include:**
  - **Operations**
  - **Communications/C4 Operations**
  - **Civil Affairs**
  - **Aviation**
  - **Equipment/Technology**
  - **Training and Education**
  - **Information and Psychological**
  - **Intelligence**
  - **Future Concepts**
- **Warfighter conference held annually**
- **March 04 combined USSOCOM-USMC Board and Warfighter conference**

Training

- School exchange (JFK Special Warfare Center, USMC Scout Sniper Course)
- Reciprocal fixed and rotary wing air support for assault support, static-line and free-fall parachute operations
- Expanded Joint Marine-Army SOF exercises
- Sharing of Training Areas (MCAGCC, Alaska, NTC)
- Special Operations Terminal Air Control Course

Personnel

- **Marine Corps personnel assigned to SOF**
  - **BGen Hejlik USMC - USSOCOM Dir Policy, Training & Readiness**
  - **Col Hummer USMC - JSOC Chief of Staff**
  - **105 Marines in SO billets around the world**
- **SF Command LNO resident at II MEF Special Operations Training Group**
  - **USSOCOM reviewing pos o viding SF LNO to each MEF headquarters**
- **JSOU/MCU e anged instructors**

Acquisitions and Developmental Information

- **Instituted a program to share acquisitions and developmental information:**
- **Weapons systems**
- **Munitions**
- **Armaments**
- **Communications**

- **Includes previously restricted special operations programs**

TSOC/ESG MEU (SOC) Interoperability

- Since 9/11: Joint combat operations
  - **Afghanistan**
  - **Iraq**
  - **Liberia**
  - **Horn of Africa**

- On-going efforts to improve interoperability:
  - **Exchange of LNOs between ESG/MEU(SOC)s and TSOCs**
  - **SOCEUR, NAVEUR and MARFOREUR signed MOA**
  - **SOCPAC, PACFLT and MARFORPAC developing similar MOA**
  - **Developing joint training opportunities**

TSOC/ESG MEU (SOC) Interoperability Way-Ahead

- **Pre-Deployment**
  - Observe respective training
  - Understand respective capabilities
  - Conduct Joint Training/Exercises
  - Wargame integrated operational scenarios
  - Plan Common contingency requirements

- **During Deployment**
  - Establish Liaisons
  - Conduct Joint Training/Exercises
  - Conduct Collaborative Planning
  - Execute Operations as directed
  - Seamless turnover/transition

"Inform Geographic COCOMs of Joint SOF-USMC capability"

- **Post Deployment**
  - AAR's
  - Over time - Formalize Doctine, CONOPs and TTPs

Transitioning of SOF Missions

- **Signed Program Decision Memorandum directs transition of selected SOF missions to conventional forces:**

- **USMC assumed the Georgia Train and Equip mission from SOCEUR**

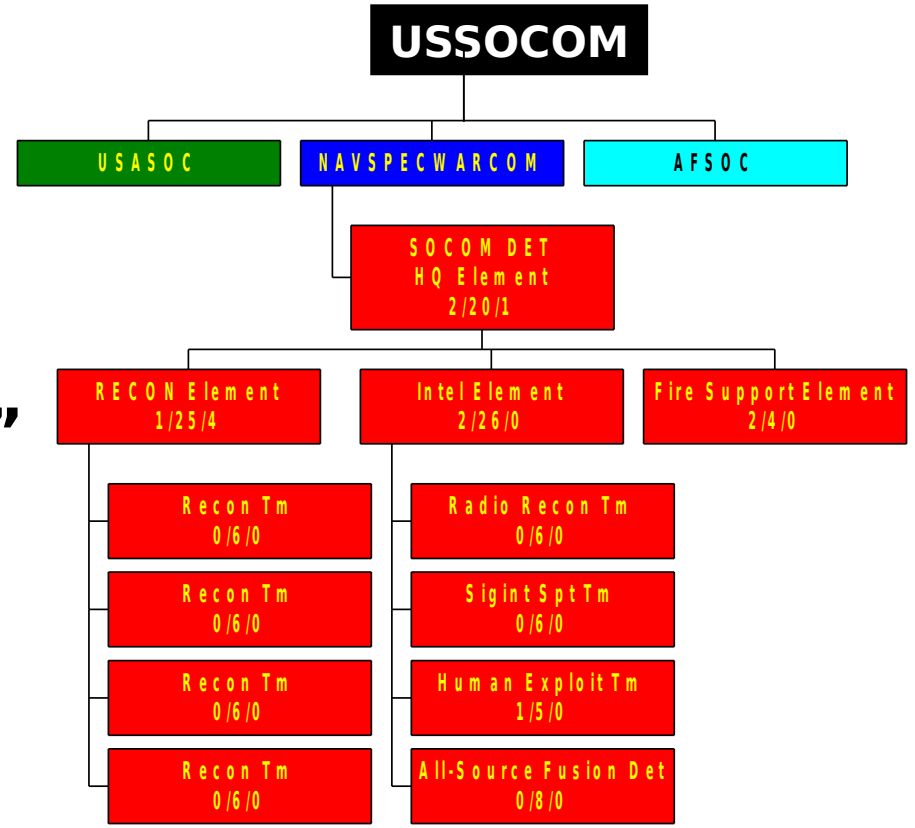
- **USSOCOM / USMC working to identify future transition of missions from SOF to USMC to include Counter-drug, and Limited Foreign Internal**

Force Contribution

The Marine Corps SOCOM Detachment

MC SOCOM Det

- Integrated unit:
  - Reconnaissance
  - Intelligence
  - Fire support
- 2 year "Proof of Concept" in force contribution
- Capitalizes on Naval cultural compatibility of NSW and USMC
- OPCON to USSOCOM 01 Dec 03
- Deploys as part of NSW

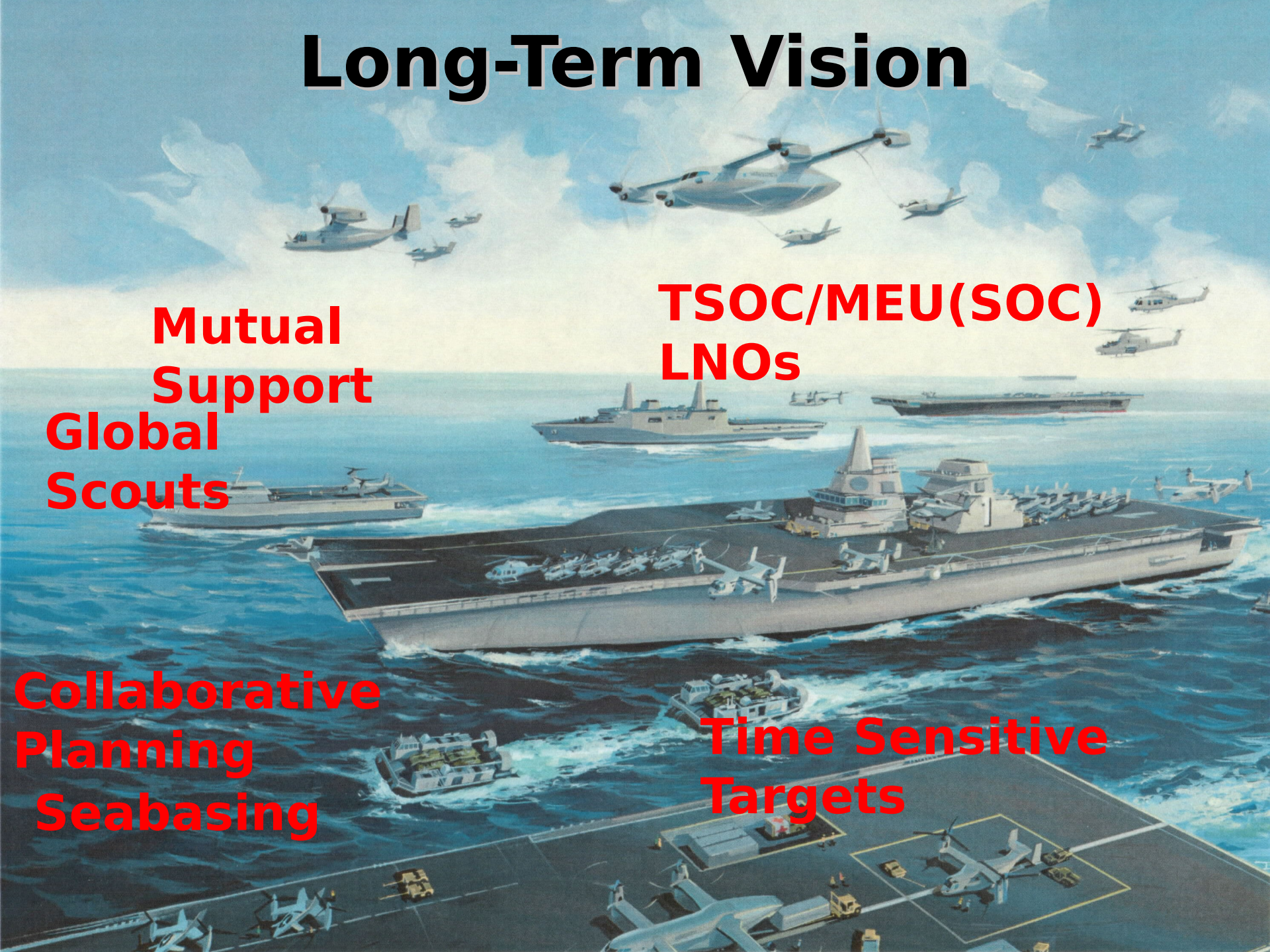


7 Officers
75 Enlisted
5 Corpsmen
Total: 87

MC SOCOM Det Next Step

- Evaluate and Assess value added of the MC SOCOM Det (Costs vs Benefits)
- Expand capabilities – consider augmentation with:
  - EOD?
  - Logistics/ Communications /other support functions?
  - Marine Aviation?
- Create second MC SOCOM Det to augment or support East Coast SOF deployments

Long-Term Vision



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